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1. On 11 September 1947 the Soviet Residents Association in Harbin held a meeting in the International Book Store. One of the items discussed was the organization of groups of armed Soviet residents in the Soviet communities in Communist-controlled Manchuria. A request was made to the Chinese Communist authorities for permission to form these groups, and this request was granted; also it was agreed that there would be no interference on the part of Chinese Communist officials.
2. Since the meeting, there have appeared on the streets of Harbin an increasing number of armed Russians. These people concentrate around the factory district, the airfield, the railroad station, and bridges. These groups have no connection with the armed railroad guards.

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